THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The Government has taken a number of measures to check begging, including beggary by children, as also for the rehabilitation of beggars (including child beggars). Some of these measures are enactment of legislations by State Governments and Union territory Administrations, provisions of punishment for the persons employing or using a child for begging. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 addresses the needs of all children in need of care, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration.

Besides, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing, since 1992-93, a Central Sector scheme called, 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children. The objective of this programme is to prevent destitution of children and facilitate their withdrawal from a life on the streets and their social reintegration. The programme provides for shelter, nutrition, health care, education and recreation faciliities to street children and seeks to protect them against abuse and exploitation including forced beggary. Under this scheme, the Ministry is also providing financial assistance to CHILDLINE Service, which is a 24 hour free phone service for children in distress. It can be accessed by a child in difficulty or an adult on his behalf by dialing 1098. The basic objective of this service is to respond to children in emergency situation and to refer them to relevant governmental and non-governmental organisation, which facilitate the rehabilitation of children in especially difficult circumstances including child beggars.

**Funds for welfare schemes in Bihar**

†2625. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Bihar for implementation of welfare schemes during the last two years;

(b) the funds out of this actually utilised by the State of Bihar; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government for proper utilisation of these funds?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) State-wise allocation are not determined. Amount released to a State depends on complete proposals received, the budgetary position and receipt of utilisation certificates for earlier releases. The statement giving details of funds released to the State of Bihar for implementation of welfare schemes during the last two years is enclosed (*See* below). State Governments are released funds only after utilisation certificates of previous year releases have been received.

***Statement***

*Release of funds to various schemes in the State of Bihar*

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl. No. | Scheme | Release 2000-01 | 2001-02 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Pre-Matric Scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupation | 20.00 | 15.47 |
| 2 | Book Banks for Scheduled Caste students | 7.38 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 | 34.03 | 0.00 |
| | **Other Backward Classes** | | |
| 4 | Construction of Hostels for OBC boys and girls | 0.00 | 149.58 |
| 5 | Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC students for studying abroad | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| | **Minorities** | | |
| 6 | Pre-Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on economic criteria | 50.82 | 53.68 |
| | **Welfare of Persons with Disabilities** | | |
| 7 | National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities | 322.25 | 251.75 |
| | **Social Defence** | | |
| 8 | Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Mal-adjustment | 0.00 | 30.08 |